Fazio repeats as best designer

By Mark Leslie

Tom Fazio, whose stock continues to rise, has repeated as Golf Course Architect of the Year for 1990. Fazio, with offices in Hendersonville, N.C., and Jupiter, Fla., received 31 percent of the votes cast in Golf Course News' second annual survey of the nation's architects.

Rees Jones of Montclair, N.J., finished runner-up for the second straight year, with 21 percent of the vote. Jay Morrish of Tubo, Oda., who designs courses with Tour pro Tom Weiskopf, received 19 percent and placed third.

"It's just sensational what's happening in golf, and the kinds of golf courses and products being done," Fazio said. "The competition level in golf is so high. The desire for quality, dramatics, sensational, tremendous golf is out there and it's an exciting time."

Asked if 1990 was his best year, Fazio said: "Maybe in terms of five spectacular sites." Yet he raved about the courses that will be completed this year.

"I have a site in Michigan (Treetops Golf Course) that..."

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Cadenelli to be 'Education President'

By Peter Blais

The Education President. It's a title many want, but few deserve. Stephen Cadenelli is one of the few.

The incoming president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America wanted to be a teacher when he graduated with a bachelor's degree in education in 1970.

But teaching jobs were scarce 20 years ago. So when several months spent pounding the pavement of several PGA and LPGA players led to one of the four assistant positions at the National Club Association in Rye, N.Y., he took them.

The golf course Superintendents Association claims it saved tax-exempt clubs thousands of dollars in penalties by intervening with the Internal Revenue Service in the U.S. Supreme Court's Portland Golf Club v Commissioner of Internal Revenue case.

Muirfield best conditioned, say pros

From staff reports

Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio edged out Butler National Golf Club of Oak Brook, Ill., as the best-conditioned course on the professional tour in a recent Golf Course News survey of 30 touring PGA and LPGA players.

Muirfield, site of the Memorial Tournament in early May, received 13 first-place votes. Butler, for years the host of the Western Open, was the choice of 11 players.

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superintendent when Solinelli left for a Vermont course several months later. "To be honest, I was a little bored that first year or two. I really wanted to teach. The first time I really got excited about becoming a superintendent was at a turf conference at the University of Massachusetts in 1972. I was amazed at the complexity of the business, the expertise of the researchers who spoke. That turned me on for life. I was intrigued that there was so much to it."

Cadenelli graduated from the UMass winter turf program in 1974 before moving on to Pequot Country Club in Stonington, Conn., as the Country Club of New Canaan (Conn.) and eventually The Metedconk National Golf Club in Jackson, N.J., where he has been the past six years.

But getting back to education, Cadenelli joined the GCSAA in 1972. He became a member of the Education Committee in 1979 and chairman shortly after winning election to the GCSAA board of directors in 1996. He also chaired the Certification Committee.

"One of my main concerns is increasing the professionalism of our organization through education," said Cadenelli. "I believe in education in all aspects of life. I'll be out there promoting education to our members and trying to upgrade the education of the people coming into the profession."

Cadenelli is a strong supporter of the GCSAA requirement that any superintendent certified in the year 2004 and beyond have a four-year college degree.

"You need more than just the technical training to be a superintendent. You need a much broader educational background to be a superintendent today," Cadenelli said.

"If people are going to view our group as professionals in the future, our members need four-year degrees. It's essential for a superintendent today to understand things like how the economy works and how it affects his golf course."

Cadenelli's other major concern is the environment.

"I want to continue to emphasize the work the GCSAA has done with the environment," he said. "We need to highlight ways the superintendent can better manage his course."

Cadenelli grew up across the street from Greenock Country Club. He didn't play golf until he was a sophomore in high school. He was the No. 3 player on his high school team. Over the years his handicap has ranged from 11 to 14.

He was secretary/treasurer of the GCSAA in 1989 and vice president in 1990. He is running unopposed for president.

GCSAA's '91 president

Name: Stephen G. Cadenelli
Age: 42
Course: The Metedconk National Golf Club, Jackson, N.J.
Former head superintendent at: CC of New Canaan (Conn.); Pequot GC, Stonington, Conn.; Greenock CC, Lee, Mass.
Years GCSAA Member: 18
GCSAA positions held: Vice president (1990); secretary/treasurer (1989); member board of directors (since 1986); past chairman of education, certification, communication awards, public relations and planning committees
Other associations: Member and past president Conn. Asso. of GCS; member GCSA of N.J.; Metropolitan GCSA, N.Y. State Turfgrass Assoc., N.J. State Turfgrass Assoc.
Education: Graduate of winter turf school, Univ. of Mass.; bachelors degree in education, No. Michigan Univ.
Family: Wife, Linda; children, Tara, 20, Matthew, 18
Goal: "First, I want to continue to emphasize the work that's been done on the effects of golf on the environment while highlighting ways to better manage a golf course. Second, I want to promote the professionalism of our association by encouraging education."

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